

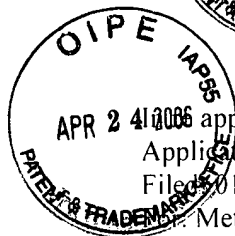
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Practitioner's Docket No. 2731/103

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Application of: Michael D. Mason

Application No.: 10/767,637

Filed: 01/29/2004

Method for Graftless Spinal Fusion

Group No.: 3733

Examiner: A. R. Reimers

Mail Stop Amendment

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for one month:

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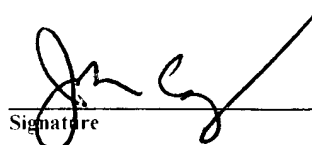
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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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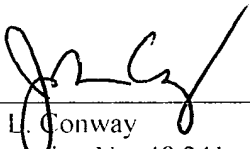
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RESPONSE F

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